This morning we had ninety chances in our favour; we still have sixty. And if Grouchy moves quickly, Billow's corps will be completely destroyed.

The Emperor intended to push home an attack on Mont Saint Jean which should have been decisive, but by one of those impatient movements so frequent in our military history and that have so often been fatal to us, the reserve cavalry, seeing the backward movement made by the English to avoid our artillery fire from which they had already suffered heavily, advanced to the plateau of Mont Saint Jean and charged the enemy. This movement, which, made at the right moment and supported by the reserves, would have decided the battle, made without supports and before matters were settled on the right became fatal. All our cavalry became engaged in mutual support. There, for three hours, many charges were delivered in which we broke several squares of British infantry and captured six flags, which, however, did not compensate the losses suffered by our cavalry from grape and musketry. We could not engage our reserves until we had disposed of the flank attack of the Prussian corps.

Troops! Where do you expect me to find them ? Do you want me to make them ?

This attack continued and developed perpendicularly to our right flank. The Emperor sent General Duhesme with the Young Guard and several reserve batteries. The enemy were checked and driven back; they were spent